



Denali State Park

Winter Conditions Report

Current Date 3/31/2016

Area	Snowmobile Status	Ice Depth	New Snow	Avg. Snow Depth	Comments
Byer's Lake / Veteran's Memorial	OPEN	6-11"	3"	22"	Open to Snowmachines.
Pass Creek	OPEN	3-5"	4"	26"	Open to Snowmachines
Curry And Kesugi Ridges	OPEN	8-12"	6"	30"	Open to Snowmachines
Petersville Area	OPEN	4-6"	6"*	50"	Open to Snowmachines
Tokositna and Chulitna Rivers	OPEN	0"	4"	24"	Open Water Leads Exist

****Average snow depth recorded is uncompressed.** Snowmobile openings are based on the snowpack's ability to protect underlying vegetation and include: depth measurements, snow density, wind loading, temperatures, forecast, terrain, topography, elevation, and snow base and ice conditions. River and lake **ice crossing safety is not implied** and at the risk of the individual.

Conditions update:

* = Estimated or Reported Snowfall.

ADVISORY: About 8" of new snow fell throughout DSP this past weekend, but was quickly compressed by heavy precipitation at lower elevations. Temperature highs have been in the upper 30's to mid 40's. Freeze/Thaw cycles are occurring daily. Heavy crust on top of snow due to recent rain events throughout the park. Avalanche danger in mountainous areas due to the rapid temperature changes. Roadside parking is minimal. Veterans Memorial parking is open.

All Areas are Open to Snowmobiles. Chulitna and Tokositna rivers, along with Troublesome Creek, have multiple open leads and travel is not advised. Please park at Veterans Memorial and access Byers Lake via the winter trail. Be cautious of thin ice near the inlet and outlet of Byers Lake. Denali View North, Denali View South, and Upper Troublesome Creek trail head gates are closed for the season.

A \$5 day-use fee or annual parking pass is required at most trailheads throughout the park. Please respect private properties adjacent to park land. **All snowmobiles must have their current registration tags displayed when used on public lands.**

Please check the Alaska State Parks website or call 745-8950 for current conditions. Current weather data is available from this website: <http://www.wunderground.com/weather-forecast/zmw:99683.2.99999>

The current park map is available at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/brochures/denalisp.pdf>